Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on Page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Several other copending and commonly owned U.S. patent applications, filed concurrently herewith, disclose various processes and arrangements whose details may, in the role of background information, help provide a better understanding of one or more of the embodiments disclosed and contemplated herein. Accordingly, those applications are hereby fully incorporated by reference as if set forth in their entirety herein, and are as follows (including the title and ~~attorney docket~~ application serial number for each one): "Methods And Arrangements for Automated Change Plan Construction and Impact Analysis" (~~Docket No. YOR920030548US1~~ Application Serial No. 10/789,147); and "Methods and Arrangements for Planning and Scheduling Change Management Requests in Computing Systems" (~~Docket No. YOR920030549US1~~ Application Serial No. 10/789,099).

Please replace the paragraph bridging Pages 12-13 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention adds architectural elements to a change management system (such as the concurrently-filed U.S. patent application respectively identified as: ~~attorney docket no. YOR920030548US1~~ Application Serial No. 10/789,147 entitled "Arrangements and Methods for Automated Change Plan Construction and Impact Analysis") that enable it to initiate a change, trigger the acquisition of dependency relationship information along with temporal constraints, and its subsequent automated processing into change sequences. In order to achieve

maximum efficiency of the change management process, this invention determines in which order changes need to be carried out to transition the target systems from a workable state into another workable state. In addition, the present invention determines whether changes are conflicting, and flags such potential violations to avoid breaking a system. The output of the invention can be consumed and modified by applications, comprising planning tools, schedulers, workflow editors, workflow management engines and automated provisioning systems for data centers, or by enterprise software distribution and configuration tools.

Please replace the last paragraph on Page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

- Obtaining the dependency information from the Managed Resources (**160**) by issuing queries over ~~http~~ <u>HTTP</u> and applying filtering rules (as specified by the administrator (**100**) or the task graph builder (**110**)) to it.

Please replace the second paragraph on Page 25 with the following amended paragraph:

- The "Host X sequence" consists of the following tasks and links: The "Install Servlet Container on Host System "X" task (**400**) has two outgoing "FS"-type links (**420, ~~420~~425**) pointing to the "Install bestsell Servlet on Host System "X"" task (**435**) and "Install ordrdisp Servlet on Host System "X"" task (**440**), respectively.

Please replace the first paragraph on Page 34 with the following amended paragraph:

It is to be understood that the present invention, in accordance with at least one presently preferred embodiment, includes an <u>arrangement</u> for determining existing relationship descriptions between components of the system; an arrangement for transforming acquired relationships into ordered tasks that are linked by temporal ordering constraints; and an arrangement for creating an order of changes taking into account task relationship constraints. Together, these may be implemented on at least one general-purpose computer running suitable software programs. These may also be implemented on at least one Integrated Circuit or part of at least one Integrated Circuit. Thus, it is to be understood that the invention may be implemented in hardware, software, or a combination of both.